

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 09894.0006-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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David RUFFIEUX ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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Application No.: U.S. National Stage ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application of )  
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For: LAYOUT FOR A TIME BASE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a **replacement Abstract**.